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means for mounting a bulk supply roll having said strip of cleaning fabric wound around a shaft;

calendaring means for reducing the thickness and increasing the length of said strip of cleaning fabric on said shaft;

solvent applying means for applying a low volatility, organic compound solvent which does not readily evaporate at ambient pressure and temperature to said strip of cleaning fabric;

means for forming a cleaning fabric supply roll, wherein the diameter of the cleaning fabric supply roll is not substantially increased when the calendaring means reduces the thickness and increases the length of the strip of cleaning fabric on the shaft; and

an excess solvent removing means for obtaining a strip of cleaning fabric saturated to functional equilibrium with said solvent.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 46 has been amended to more clearly state the claimed invention and does not introduce new matter. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and the drawings. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 48-50 if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly claim 46 has been amended to add the limitation of claim 48. Claims 49 and 50 depend on claim 46.

Conclusion

In light of the above Amendments and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. The Examiner's favorable consideration is greatly appreciated.

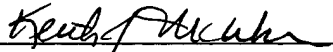
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In the event that an extension of time is required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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APPENDIX A MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM

Please cancel claim 48 and amend claim 46 as follows:—

46. (Twice Amended) A device for soaking a strip of cleaning fabric on site comprising:

means for mounting a bulk supply roll having said strip of cleaning fabric wound around a shaft;

~~calendaring means for reducing the thickness and increasing the length of said strip~~
of cleaning fabric on said shaft;

solvent applying means for applying a low volatility, organic compound solvent which does not readily evaporate at ambient pressure and temperature to said strip of cleaning fabric; [and]

means for forming a cleaning fabric supply roll, wherein the diameter of the cleaning fabric supply roll is not substantially increased when the calendaring means reduces the thickness and increases the length of the strip of cleaning fabric on the shaft; and

an excess solvent removing means for obtaining a strip of cleaning fabric saturated to functional equilibrium with said solvent.

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